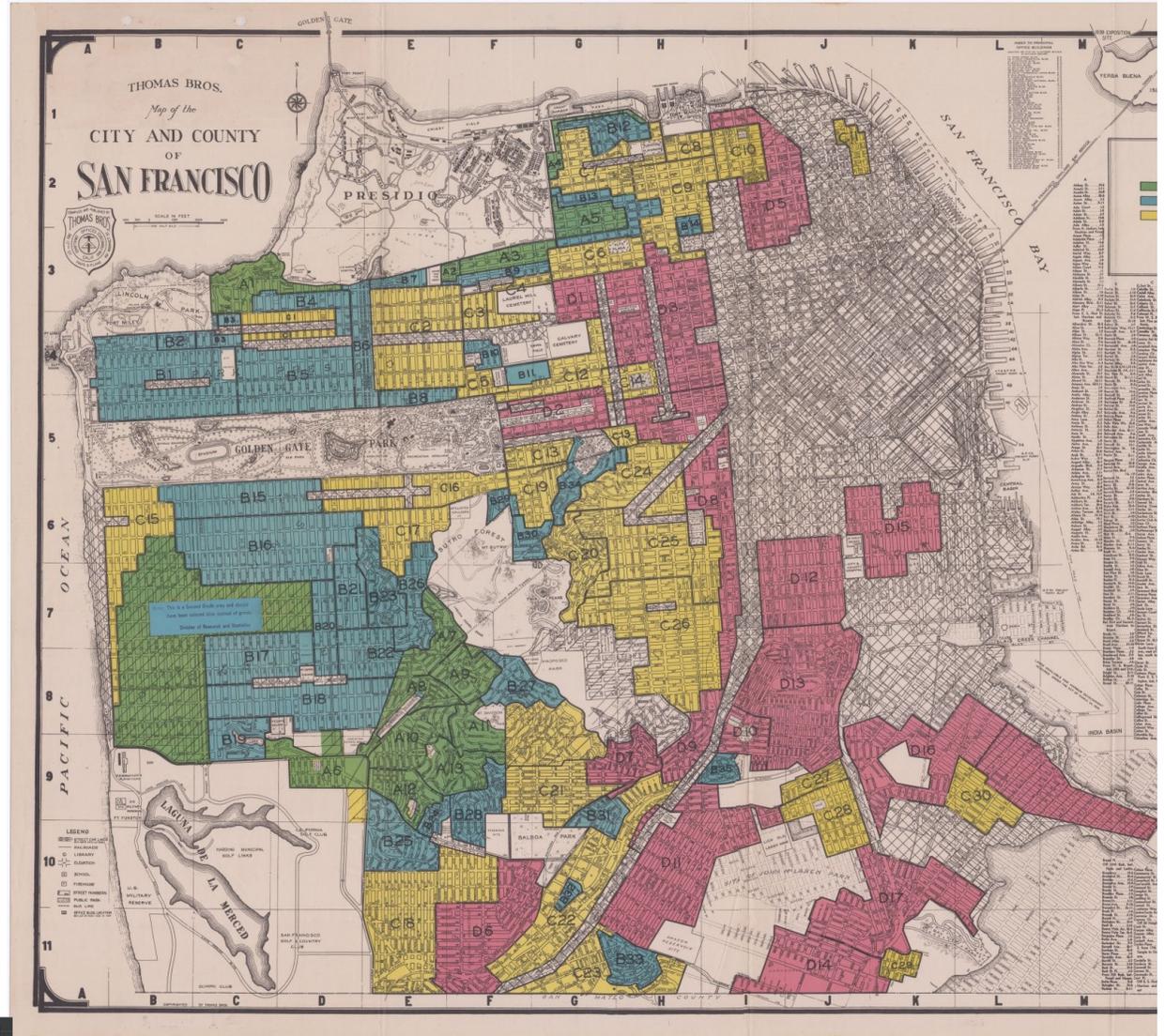


# REDISTRICTING BY DO-GOODERS

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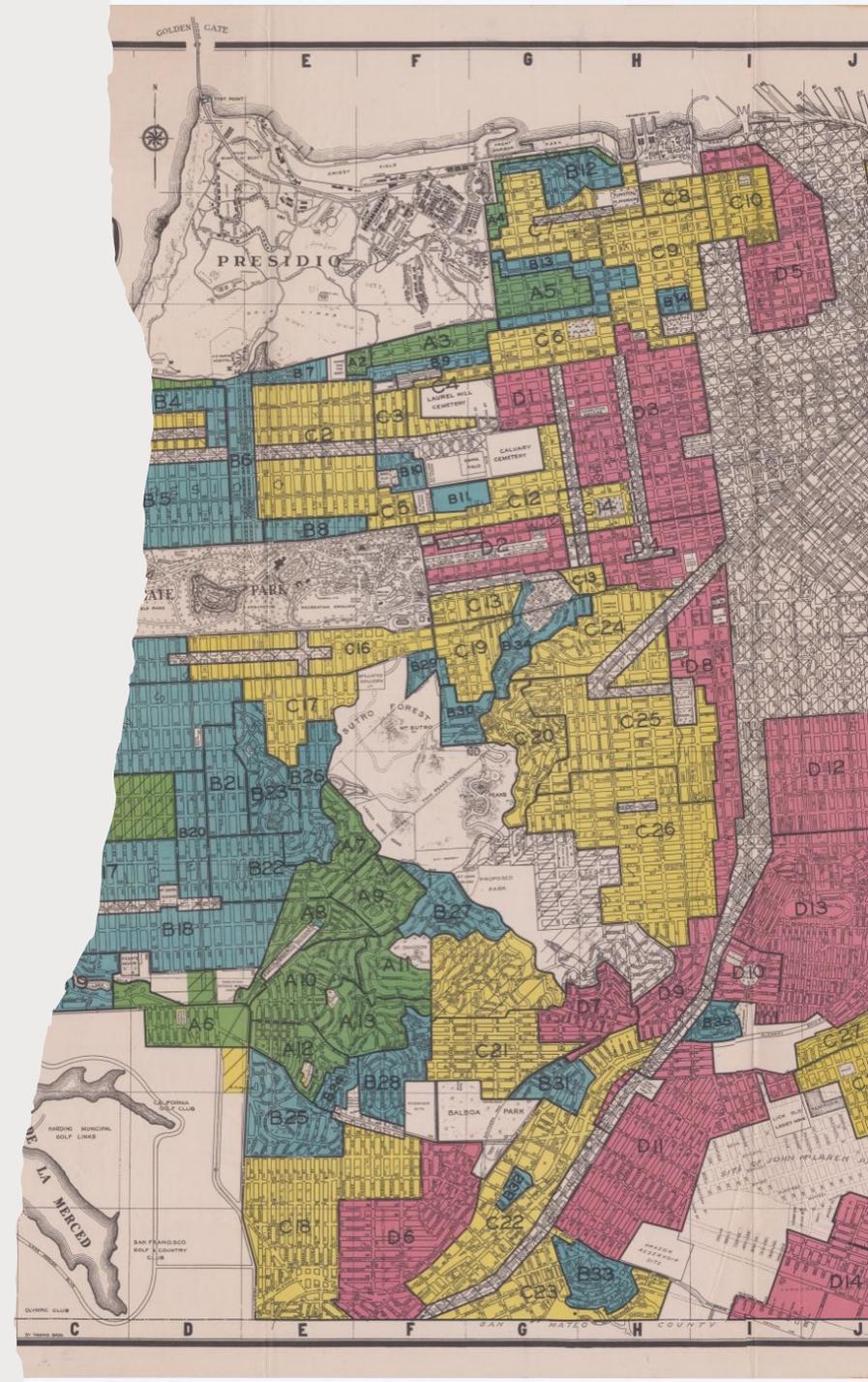
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# *SUCCESSSES OF THE CA CRC 2022*

- Collected nearly **40,000 pieces of community input**
- Worked on **consensus model** to navigate conflicting testimony and priorities, including rotating chairs and multiple subcommittees.
- Successfully navigated **COVID pandemic** constraints
- Expanded opportunities for **representation for Latinos**
  - >> Maintained representational opportunities for Asian Americans and African Americans
  - >> Expanded opportunities for LGBTQ representation
- Final maps adopted by a **unanimous vote** – 5 Republicans, 5 Democrats, 4 Independents/NPP





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>>Democratic == One person, one vote

>>Political == POWER

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- *Transparency*
- Rigorous, fair, and (mostly) transparent *selection process* that includes selection criteria
- Adherence to ranked redistricting criteria such as those in the Fair Maps Act
- Deep *community engagement*

*Redistricting by Do-Gooders*



# EFFORT TO REFORM *LOS ANGELES*

- From POLITICAL commission to INDEPENDENT
- Charter City – Movement for a *ballot initiative*
- *LA Governance Reform Project*, other coalitions of advocates
- Recommendations for a commission that is reflective of Los Angeles
  - >>17 members
  - >>Non-partisan
  - >>Broad eligibility to serve
  - >>Alternates
  - >>Connection to city offices and ethics commission, NOT council
- Additional recommendations for council expansion and ethics reforms to empower ethics commission.